

made by the Distributors, some written, some

sal. From these, we rejoice to believe the labors of our Society have been, in several respects, directly and openly blessed. One of our Distributors writes: "I know of one instance of a man who was addicted both to drinking and gambling, who was reformed through the agency of a Tract called the *Reveries of Drunkenness*." We have met with many cases in which Sabbath

breakers were induced to give up their wicked practices by reading *A Warning to Sinners*. *Breakers*. I am acquainted with one individual who gives a good evidence of piety, who was brought to the Saviour mainly through the instrumentality of *Tracts*. *Bob, the Cabin Boy*, I have asserted was read with avidity by many to whom I have given it. A poor woman, under deep distress of mind, was brought to the Saviour by reading *Tracts*.

was not a little comforted by that excellent T of Miss Hannah Moore's. " 'Tis all for the best." *The Friendly Visit to a House of Mourning* has been a valuable treasure to some who have been deprived of their relatives and friends. During the time of my connection with the Society, even before, I have been surprised to find that Tracts were so well received and so seldom refused. It has been so long since we have

that I do not remember the occasion, and I refused it has been done uniformly in a proper manner. The most abandoned people have generally taken them with great readiness—often have I seen a crowd of boisterous young men, on being presented with Tracts, sit down and commence reading them."

an interesting revival of religion for the last weeks, at the English Coal Pits in Chester. Fifty-five persons have professed faith in Jesus Christ, and among this number there are six formerly notorious drunkards. About two months previous to the commencement of this extraordinary work of God, I distributed a number of tracts among the people of this place; and it may

that under the influence of the Divine Spirit they aided much in preparing the way for the great harvest now realized. As one of the fruits of this revival, a celebrated retail grocery (drying shop) was closed on last Sabbath, for the first time in five years. Among the tracts distributed, there were a number on the subject "Temperance."

Your board might refer to other and more particular instances, containing cheering evidence that God is blessing the operations of our Society in enlightening and saving men. One such instance is worth all our labor—a single soul added to the great purpose and work of life, which compensates all the expenditure of time and money necessary in carrying out our plans, and seems to us that no intelligent objection can

made to this enterprise. It is one, indeed of a class now become a prominent and principal instrument in the diffusion of vital piety—employed by the press as auxiliary to oral instruction for the spread of the gospel. The Tracts heretofore distributed by us, have been these exclusively the American Tract Society. None are distributed, except after unanimous approval.

board of Managers composed of members of the four principal denominations of christianity. Many of these writings are the production of genius of a high order, improved by culture, and drawn from the richest resources. Many of them are stamped with the approbation of successive generations. Many of them have themselves stamped a holy impress upon innumerable minds, leading to the attainment of celestial bliss.

to have been adapted, as if by inspiration, to the characters and conditions they are designed to benefit. Regarded only as a stimulus for the light, superficial and demoralizing books, by which the public taste has been mournfully vitiated, Tracts such as we refer to should be widely distributed. We know that the feeling tract has proved, in cases not a few,

power of God, and the wisdom of God," to be either not reached at all, or not effectually moved by the preached gospel. How many are incapacitated by sickness or other causes attending public worship! How many, either thoughtlessly or wilfully remove themselves beyond the reach of gospel influence! plan is to send the Christian agent to such,

these silent Messengers of Truth, to testify Christ, and to invite, in His name, the wretched and the heavy laden to the only resting place for sinners. In this view, a Milner and a Wainwright, a Melville and a Summerfield have no precedence over the most unlearned. All that we desire of our distributors is, that they be kind and courteous, zealous, prayerful, earnest in the work, remembering

ing that the salvation of souls may depend on their fidelity. Such men, furnished with the gospel composed by Christians advanced in the faith, knowing the spiritual necessities of all classes going about with Christian activity—accompanying their distributions with words of Christian counsel and love, must meet with large success. Who shall undertake to limit the efficiency of a scheme so founded and so directed? Why

undertake to say that labors like these are not unbeneficial to any people, and a help to any industry—that they will not surely result in "righteousness which exalteth a nation?"

It is not the design of the Board, however, to adduce an argument in favor of Tract Societies. Our own community is large—rapidly growing—and may become mighty in influence. We

again the public support. We bespeak the earnest endeavors of distributors. We claim prayers, the contributions, and efforts of all, bid God-speed to this sacred and delightful land we pray there may be no unnecessary distress. While we linger multitudes perish; and the Master, who "has given us all things to enjoy," be grieved by our misuse of his

We regret to announce the removal from the community of the President of this Society. In this removal we not only lose his active participation, persevering usefulness, in this and other enterprises which have good for their object, but also lose an example worthy to be imitated. All which is respectfully submitted.

The Treasurer's Report, duly audited, was presented, and on motion, received and approved.

The Society was then addressed by the Mr. Reynolds, of the Baptist Church; Rev. Mr. wards, of the Methodist Church; Rev. Mr. S of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. Mr. Moore the Presbyterian Church and Mr. J. M. P.

Directors—S. Winfree, T. J. Evans, J. A.

Resolved, That a committee of fifteen be appointed to obtain subscribers to the Society.

On motion, *Resolved*, That when this So adjourns, it adjourn to meet on the 4th d January, 1848, at such time and place a Board may direct

The Society then adjourned with prayer.
Rev. Mr. Edwards. BENJ. TATE, Secy.

IN CHANCERY.—VIRGINIA:—At Rules held in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Superior Court of Chancery for the County of Halifax, in the month of October, 1837:
Hiram Hudson, Hiram H. Crank, Joseph W. Crank and Mary E. Crank, which said Hiram H. Crank,

and Mary E. are infants, and sue by their next of kin,
Wm. Crank, Plaintiff,
against
Charles A. Ballow and Wm. T. Ballow, Executors of the last will and testament of John Ballow, deceased, Wm. T. Ballow, Jane B. Wm. Montgomery Ballow, Elizabeth R. Ballow, H. Ballow, Henry Ballow, John Ballow, Edwin B. James Ballow, George Ballow, Augustus T. Wain, Mary E. his wife, Louisa Colquitt, James H. Good Zac. T. Goodman, Charles J. Goodman, Little

Goodman, Thomas B. Goodman and Elizabeth wife, John J. Guttry and Martha his wife, S. Bagwell and William his wife, William W. Jane his wife, who was Jane Coleman, Sarah Cole Charles Coleman, Hannah Alderson, Henry Ad Sterling Alderson, Charles Balfow, John T. B. Wm. T. Balfow, Jr., Wm. Balfow, Catharine B. Elizabeth Balfow, Dianus Balfow, Thomas H. Nancy Hudson, Thomas W. Dowdy and Mary wife, T. E. Jones and Elizabeth his wife, Herford and Elizabeth his wife, Samuel Wallace and

The defendants, Samuel Wallace and Ann his wife, Henry Ballow, Edwin Ballow, Samuel Bagwe, Williamna his wife, William H. Ballow, Horace Ry and Sterling Alderson, John F. Ballow, Wm. Ballow, Jr., Wm. Ballow, Catharine Ballow, Eliza Ballow, Dianna Ballow, Eliza A., Mary F., W. T., Joseph H. and Hyram H. Crank, Augustus T. ton and Mary Eliza his wife, John J. Guthrie, Martha A. his wife, T. E. Jones and Elizabeth

wife, John T. Ballow and Wm. Montgomery B. not having entered their appearance, and it appearing by satisfactory evidence that they are not inhabitants of this Commonwealth, it is ordered, that the named defendants do appear here or in January next, and answer the charge against them; that a copy of this order be forthwith published in the Richmond Enquirer for two months, posted at the front door of the county. A Copy—?

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